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15      appearance) and Defendant AYMAN SABI

16                   **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
17                   **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

19      BIG 3 LLC, et al.,  
20                   Plaintiffs,  
21                   v.  
22      AHMED AL-RUMAIHI, et al.,  
23                   Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:18-CV-3466 DMG  
(SKX)

Assigned for all purposes to  
Hon. Dolly M. Gee

**SPECIALLY-APPEARING NON-  
PARTY H.E. AHMED AL-  
RUMAIHI'S NOTICE OF NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS**

1 TO THE COURT, ALL PARTIES, AND ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

2 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Specially-Appearing Non-Party H.E. Ahmed  
 3 Al-Rumaihi (“H.E. Al-Rumaihi”), by and through his counsel, respectfully submits  
 4 this Notice to apprise the Court of recent developments that have occurred since  
 5 briefing was completed on H.E. Al-Rumaihi’s and Defendant Ayman Sabi’s Motion  
 6 to Strike (“Dkt. No. 8”) and Plaintiffs Big3 LLC’s, O’Shea Jackson’s, and Jeff  
 7 Kwatinetz’s (“Plaintiffs”) Motion for Jurisdictional Discovery (Dkt. No. 10). These  
 8 new developments preceded the November 29, 2018 Order of this Court (the “Anti-  
 9 SLAPP Order”) which, *inter alia*, granted the Motion to Strike in part, dismissed all  
 10 claims against H.E. Al-Rumaihi, and foreclosed Plaintiffs from asserting new claims.  
 11 Dkt. No. 57 at 13. While H.E. Al-Rumaihi is no longer a party to this action as a  
 12 result of the Anti-SLAPP Order, H.E. Al-Rumaihi believes it is nonetheless prudent  
 13 to apprise the Court of these new developments, which preclude Plaintiffs from any  
 14 further efforts to involve H.E. Al-Rumaihi in this action.

15 On or about August 27th of this year, H.E. Al-Rumaihi received a diplomatic  
 16 appointment as the Commercial Attaché for Investment for the State of Qatar, which  
 17 carries the rank of ambassador and the title of His Excellency (“H.E.”). On  
 18 September 7, 2018, the Qatari Embassy formally notified the United States  
 19 Department of State (“State Department”) of H.E. Al-Rumaihi’s diplomatic posting  
 20 via a Notification of Appointment through the Office of Foreign Mission e-Gov  
 21 system. The State Department thereafter formally recognized H.E. Al-Rumaihi’s  
 22 diplomatic status, as reflected by his Diplomatic Identification Card, issued on or  
 23 about September 13, 2018. The State Department further identified H.E. Al-Rumaihi  
 24 as an accredited diplomat entitled to immunity under the Vienna Convention on  
 25 Diplomatic Relations (“Vienna Convention”) on its most recently published  
 26 Diplomatic List.<sup>1</sup> Under the well-settled doctrine of diplomatic immunity, H.E. Al-

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28 <sup>1</sup> <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/287365.pdf> at 96.

1 Rumaihi has full immunity from all aspects of civil litigation. See Vienna  
2 Convention, Articles 31.1 & 31.2.

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4 Dated: December 4, 2018 JONES DAY

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6 By: /s/ Brian D. Hershman  
7 Brian D. Hershman

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Party H.E. AHMED AL-RUMAIHI

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